

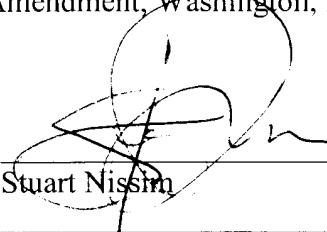


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## AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE

In response to the Official Action, mailed December 3, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response which expires March 3, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of all objections and rejections, and the allowance of all claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.